depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verification etc;

(vi) Augmentation of covered storage capacity;

(vii) Introduction of machine stitching of bags.

Development of State Capitals

50. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans to develop State capitals with a special allocation from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): There is no special scheme for grant of Central assistance to the State Governments for developing their State Capitals, Urban Deve • lopment is a State subject and it is for the concerned State Governments to find measures for the purpose from their Plan allocations.

(b) Does not arise.

Downward Trend in Tourist flow in India

51. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been continuous decline in the Tourists visiting India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage growth of tourists in flow in India;

(d) whether Government have ex tended concessions to tourists within the country in its ITDC tourist rasorts; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been a decline in foreign tourist traffic in India during 1990 and during January 1991 due to various reasons including adverse publicity of disturbances in some parts of the country in the overseas markets, reduced air seat capacity in the domestic sector, political and economic developments in the tourist generating countries including Soviet Union and the Gulf crisis.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to encourage tourist inflow in India include introduction of multien-try visas, simplification of procedure for obtaining visas, relaxation of rules regarding restricted area permits, provision of money changing facilities in hotels and other establishments, up-gradation of tourism infrastructural facilities and strengthening of tourism promotional effarts.

(d) and (e) ITDC has extended concessions in the form of various packages like students and Farmers Package Senior Citizen|Silverline package, LTC Package, Weakend Package, You and me Package, etc. to domestic tourists.

Stoppage of subsidy on the production of Foodgrains

52. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been providing food-grains subsidy to the farmers with a view to boost up its production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether IMF/World Bank etc. have imposed any pre-condition of stopping the subsidy on the produc-